Opening of a sub regional office of the ESI Corporation at Coimbatore

1108. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General, ESI Corporation, New Delhi has received a memorandum dated the 18th March, 1988 from Coimbatore District Mill Labour Union, Coimbatore regarding the opening of a Sub Regional office of the ESI Corporation at Coimbatore;

(b) whether it is a fact that ESIC had approved the opening of Sub Regional office at Coimbatore;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision to open the said office is being withheld; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken for early implementation of the proposal; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The setting up Sub-Regional office has been delayed due to certain administrative problems relating to posting of staff in the sub-regional office. However, Regional Director, Tamil Nadu has been recently advised to take urgent steps to find out suitable accommodation for locating the sub regional office at Coimbatore.

Collaboration by SAIL with U.K. for coke oven repair technology

1109. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has entered into a collaboration agreement with FOSBEL International, UK for adopting their modern coke oven repair technouolgy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) SAIL has entered into a collaboration agreement with Ms. FOSBEL International, U.K. for transfer of Ceramic Welding Technology developed by them, for hot repairs of coke oven batteries. The collaboration will be for 5 years duration and will include payment of one million pounds sterling towards know-how, training to SAIL personnel during actual repairs and exclusive and perpetual rights to SAIL to apply the technology to any coke oven plant in India.

Allotment of 25 Sq. Yds. Plots to eight Harijan families in Regharpura

1110. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued orders on the 18th December, 1987 for allotment of 25 Sq. Yds. plots to each of eight Harijan families of Regharpura in Karolbagh, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that these families have been claiming 50 Sq. Yds. plots each over since they were evicted;

(c) whether Government had deputed a team of officers to identify vacant plots for allotment to these eight families;

(d) if so, whether the said team had identified 50 Sq. Yds. plots to be allotted to them;

(e) whether it is a fact that these eight families are willing to Pay the price demanded by Government 50 Sq. Yds. plots; and

(f) what are the reasons for allotment of 25 Sq. Yds. plots to them, instead of 50 Sq. Yds. plots which they are demanding and vacant plots of 50 Sq. Yds were identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is correct that these eight Harijan families are claiming for 50 Sq. Yards plots for quite some time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is not correct to say that the team of officers had idenified 50 Sq. Yds. plots for allotment to them. Only a plot between street No. 34 and 35 Rehgarpura was located and eight plots of 25 sq. yds. were carved and allotted.

(e) and (f) The willingness of the eight families to pay is not material as plots measuring 25 sq. yds. have been allotted depending on availability of land and merits of their cases.

Non-remittance of provident fund dues by M/s. SCIL India, Limited

1111. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, New Delhi has received a communication dated the 31st March, 1988 from Simon-Carves Employees Association, Calcutta regarding non-remittance of provident fund dues in respect of M/s. SCIL India Limited, Calcutta, formerly Simon-Carves India, Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details of steps taken by the Central Provident Fund Commissioner in the matter to settle the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Vacant post of ALC, RLC LEO ETC.,

1112. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Assistant Labour Commisioner, Regional Labour Commissioner, Labour Enforcement Officers, lying vacant in the country, giving the period since when lying vacant;

(b) whether it is a fact that many labour tribunals are not funcioning due to the absence of presiding officers if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the difficulties of the workers are increasing as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The details of the number of posts of Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) and Labour Enforcement Officer (Central) lying vacant are given in the attached statement. (*See* below). As far as posible, the officers posted near the vacant Headquarters have been given dual charge. The vacancies relating to promotion quota in the post of LEO(C), could not be filled up due to a direction given by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta Bench against declaring the results of the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, 1986 held for promotion to the post of LEO(C). A requisition to fill up the vacant posts of LEOs(C) meant for direct recruitment, is being sent to the UPSC. No post of Presiding Officer, Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court is lying vacant at present. The posts of Presiding Officer, Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Calcutta and No. 2, Bombay remained vacant from 1-2-87 to 15-3-88 and from 5-4-86 to 24-4-88 respectively. Both the posts have been filled up on 16-3-88 and 25-4-88 respectively.